Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Mental illness affects 31 to 41 million Americans annually and costs our nation $65 billion each year in lost productivity, social dependence, and health care costs; and,

WHEREAS, Each year, 12 million young people are stricken with mental illness, interfering with the vital developmental and maturational process of our nation's greatest natural resource; and,

WHEREAS, The fastest growing segment of our population, our elderly, is particularly vulnerable to mental illness; and,

WHEREAS, Recent major research developments have brought new methods and technology to the treatment of mental illness, and researchers believe they are on the brink of even greater knowledge and understanding of brain functioning and its links to both normal and abnormal behavior; and,

WHEREAS, Mental illness, widely feared and misunderstood, is increasingly treatable, and the understanding of mental illness itself and of new and better treatment techniques can only bring about still better prospects of amelioration and recovery of those so afflicted:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2 through 8, 1988, as

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE